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R&H Oil Company, Inc. Site Proposed to National Priorities List

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, is proposing to place the R&H Oil Company, Inc. Site on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is EPA's list of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for long-term cleanup under the federal Superfund program.

The R&H Oil Company Inc. Site is an inactive industrial property located approximately one mile west of I-35 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The R&H Oil Company Inc. Site is located at 403 Somerset Road, San Antonio, Texas. The Site is bordered to the north by an auto service center to the south and west by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, residential properties, and commercial businesses. The R&H Oil Company Site is an abandoned used oil refinery. It was used for various petroleum refining and re-refining operations since approximately 1934, and has been abandoned since approximately 1990.

The NPL proposal docket is available for review at the Pan American Library, 1122 W. Pyron Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78221.

Community members are invited to comment on the proposal to place this Site on the NPL. A 60-day public comment period begins June 14, 2001, and ends August 13, 2001. Please send written comments to:

Docket Coordinator
U.S. EPA, Headquarters
CERCLA Docket Office (5201G)

Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

After reviewing public comments, EPA will make a final decision regarding placement of the Site on the NPL.

For more information about the R&H Oil Company Site, contact Chris Villarreal, U.S. EPA Remedial Project Manager, at 214-665-6758, or Duke Ducote, U.S. EPA Community Relations Coordinator, at 214-665-6658 or 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free).

Technical Assistance Grant Available for R&H Oil Company, Inc. Site

The EPA is announcing the availability of a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the R&H Oil Company, Inc. Site. This TAG is available to a local citizens' group to hire a technical advisor to interpret Site studies and/or Site-related health information for area residents.

Only one grant of up to \$50,000 may be awarded to a citizens' group at any one Site. To be eligible for a grant, a group must incorporate. Also, the applicant must meet a 20 percent matching requirement, which may be in cash or donated services.

If you are interested in applying for this grant, or if you need additional information, please call or write:

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